

# 2005 Metropolitan King County Council Committees



# Citizen’s Guide to the 2005 Metropolitan King County Council

### Committee of the Whole

Every Monday, 9:30 a.m.

**Chair:** Larry Phillips

**Vice Chair:** Pete von Reichbauer

**Members:** All Councilmembers

### Budget and Fiscal Management Committee

1st, 2nd, 4th (& 5th if occurring) Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

**Chair:** Larry Gossett

**Vice Chairs:** Dow Constantine, Jane Hague

**Members:** Bob Ferguson, David Irons, Julia Patterson, Pete von Reichbauer

### Growth Management and Unincorporated Areas Committee

1st & 3rd Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.

**Chair:** Dow Constantine

**Vice Chair:** Steve Hammond

**Members:** Larry Gossett, David Irons, Kathy Lambert, Dwight Pelz, Larry Phillips

### Labor, Operations and Technology Committee

2nd & 4th Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.

**Chair:** Jane Hague

**Vice Chair:** Julia Patterson

**Members:** Dow Constantine, David Irons, Dwight Pelz

### Law, Justice and Human Services Committee

1st & 3rd Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

**Chair:** Julia Patterson

**Vice Chair:** Kathy Lambert

**Members:** Dow Constantine, Reagan Dunn, Bob Ferguson, Larry Gossett, Steve Hammond

### Natural Resources and Utilities Committee

1st, 2nd & 3rd Thursday, 1:30 p.m.

**Chair:** Carolyn Edmonds

**Vice Chair:** Jane Hague

**Members:** Dow Constantine, Bob Ferguson, Pete von Reichbauer

### Transportation Committee

2nd & 4th Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.

**Chair:** Dwight Pelz

**Vice Chair:** David Irons

**Members:** Reagan Dunn, Bob Ferguson, Larry Gossett, Jane Hague, Julia Patterson

### Regional Policy Committee

1st Wednesday, 3:00 p.m.

**Chair:** Bob Ferguson

**Members:** Carolyn Edmonds, Jane Hague, David Irons, Kathy Lambert, Julia Patterson

**Suburban Cities Association Members:** Auburn Mayor Pete Lewis, Enumclaw Mayor John Wise, Renton Mayor Kathy Keolker-Wheeler, Newcastle City Councilmember Sonny Putter, Redmond Mayor Rosemarie Ives, Kirkland Deputy Mayor Joan McBride

**City of Seattle Members:** Jan Drago, Tom Rasmussen

### Regional Transit Committee

3rd Wednesday, 3:00 p.m.

**Chair:** Pete von Reichbauer

**Vice Chair:** Dwight Pelz

**Members:** Dow Constantine, Reagan Dunn, Bob Ferguson, David Irons

**Suburban Cities Association Members:** Federal Way City Councilmember Jeanne Burbidge, Issaquah City Councilmember Fred Butler, Tukwila City Councilmember Pam Carter, Burien City Councilmember Joan McGilton, Redmond City Councilmember Tom Paine, SeaTac City Councilmember Ralph Shape, Auburn City Councilmember Roger Thordarson, Shoreline City Councilmember Robert Ransom, Pacific City Councilmember Rich Hildreth, Sammamish City Councilmember Kathy Huckabay, Bellevue City Councilmember Conrad Lee

**City of Seattle Members:** Richard Conlin, Tom Rasmussen, Jean Godden

### Regional Water Quality Committee

2nd Wednesday, 3:00 p.m.

**Chair:** Steve Hammond

**Vice Chair:** Carolyn Edmonds

**Members:** Reagan Dunn, Kathy Lambert, Dwight Pelz, Larry Phillips

**Suburban Cities Association Members:** Clyde Hill City Councilmember Pat Hawkins, Renton City Councilmember Don Persson, Tukwila Mayor Steve Mullet, Shoreline City Councilmember Rich Gustafson, Bellevue City Councilmember Don Davidson, Auburn City Councilmember Bill Pelozo

**City of Seattle Members:** Jim Compton, Richard McIver, Nick Lacata

**Sewer District Members:** Cedar River Water/Sewer District Commissioner Walter M. Canter, Southwest Suburban Sewer District Commissioner William Tracy, Ronald Wastewater District Commissioner Gary Shirley

### Employment Committee

1st & 3rd Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.

**Chair:** Pete von Reichbauer

**Vice Chair:** Larry Gossett

**Members:** Kathy Lambert, Larry Phillips

### Legislative Steering Committee

Monday during State Legislative session, as needed

**Chair:** Carolyn Edmonds

**Vice Chair:** Kathy Lambert

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Comcast Cable  
Channel 22 or  
Millennium Cable  
Channel 72/80

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of live meetings and  
on-demand video  
of past meetings

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send a blank e-mail to  
[councilnews@metrokc.gov](mailto:councilnews@metrokc.gov)  
with “Subscribe”  
in the subject line.



**Metropolitan King County Council** (from left): Front Row - Jane Hague, Larry Gossett, Larry Phillips (Chair), Pete von Reichbauer (Vice-Chair). Middle Row - Reagan Dunn, Dwight Pelz, Julia Patterson, Dow Constantine, Carolyn Edmonds. Back Row - Bob Ferguson, Steve Hammond, Kathy Lambert, David Irons.

### What the Council does for you

The Metropolitan King County Council governs the 13th most populous county in the nation and oversees the second largest government in Washington state, with 1.8 million people living within 2,200 square miles.

As the legislative branch of King County government, the County Council helps constituents, sets policies, enacts laws, and adopts the annual county budget. By carefully scrutinizing every ordinance, motion and budget, the Council has identified hundreds of millions of dollars in savings over the past decade.

We provide regional leadership and reliable services through our oversight of:

- Criminal justice services, such as sheriff’s deputies, prosecutors and public defenders, District and Superior Courts, juvenile detention and adult jails

- Metro Transit bus service and county roads
- King County International Airport (Boeing Field)
- Wastewater treatment and solid waste management
- Public health and human services
- Regional parks and Aquatic Center
- Records, elections and licensing

King County is also the local government for the urban and rural unincorporated areas and provides contract services to many of the 39 cities inside the county.

### County Council meetings

The full Council meets Mondays at 1:30 p.m. on the 10th floor of the King County Courthouse. The Council functions through the work of its standing and regional committees. Regional committees include elected officials from other jurisdictions.



Message from the Council Chair



Larry Phillips  
Council Chair

As the legislative branch, the Metropolitan King County Council provides your “eyes and ears” on the operations of county government. We also are your “voice” in setting policies, enacting laws, adopting budgets, and overseeing

agency performance. Through our scrutiny and demand for public accountability, the Council has provided more efficient, responsive and cost-effective services for the residents of both urban and rural King County.

We are elected locally to provide regional leadership on our most challenging issues, including criminal justice, human services, transportation and responsible stewardship of the environment.

We are most effective when you take part. Use these listings to contact us. Come speak at our council and committee meetings. Watch live or taped meetings on our cable access channel, King County Television, or visit [www.metrokc.gov/council](http://www.metrokc.gov/council) to view streaming videos of all our meetings. Whether you need help using county services or have a view on an urgent regional issue, we look forward to hearing from you.

*Larry Phillips*

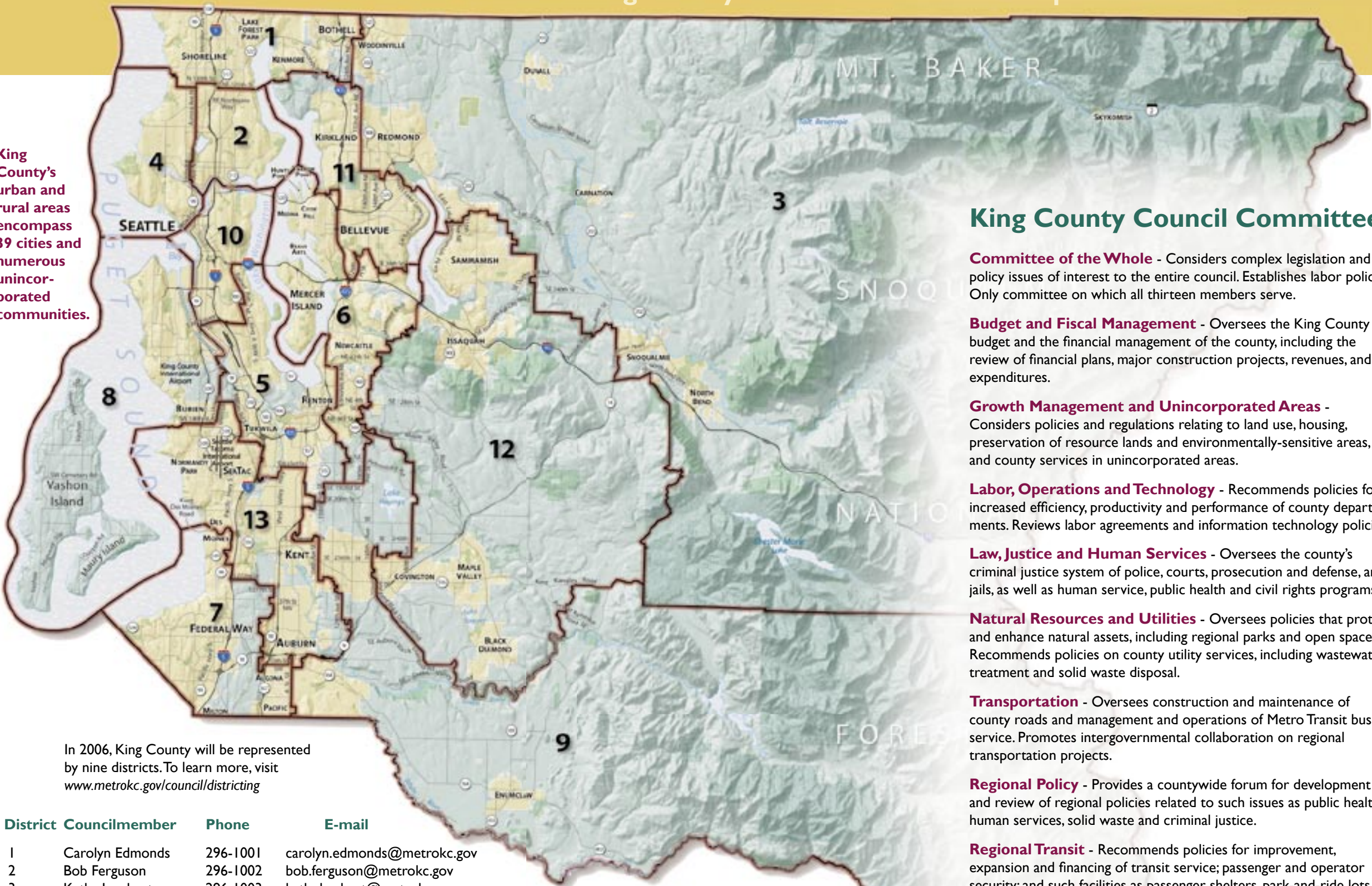
Council phone numbers

Council Information	206-296-1000
Clerk of the Council	206-296-1020
TTY/TDD	206-296-1024
Toll Free	800-325-6165

Independent agencies

Auditor	206-296-1655
Board of Appeals	206-296-3496
King County Television	206-296-0300
Ombudsman	206-296-3452
Independent Agencies	206-296-5202

King County’s urban and rural areas encompass 39 cities and numerous unincorporated communities.



In 2006, King County will be represented by nine districts. To learn more, visit [www.metrokc.gov/council/districting](http://www.metrokc.gov/council/districting)

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13	Julia Patterson	296-1013	julia.patterson@metrokc.gov

- Incorporated cities
- Unincorporated King County



King County Council Committees

**Committee of the Whole** - Considers complex legislation and policy issues of interest to the entire council. Establishes labor policies. Only committee on which all thirteen members serve.

**Budget and Fiscal Management** - Oversees the King County budget and the financial management of the county, including the review of financial plans, major construction projects, revenues, and expenditures.

**Growth Management and Unincorporated Areas** - Considers policies and regulations relating to land use, housing, preservation of resource lands and environmentally-sensitive areas, and county services in unincorporated areas.

**Labor, Operations and Technology** - Recommends policies for increased efficiency, productivity and performance of county departments. Reviews labor agreements and information technology policies.

**Law, Justice and Human Services** - Oversees the county’s criminal justice system of police, courts, prosecution and defense, and jails, as well as human service, public health and civil rights programs.

**Natural Resources and Utilities** - Oversees policies that protect and enhance natural assets, including regional parks and open space. Recommends policies on county utility services, including wastewater treatment and solid waste disposal.

**Transportation** - Oversees construction and maintenance of county roads and management and operations of Metro Transit bus service. Promotes intergovernmental collaboration on regional transportation projects.

**Regional Policy** - Provides a countywide forum for development and review of regional policies related to such issues as public health, human services, solid waste and criminal justice.

**Regional Transit** - Recommends policies for improvement, expansion and financing of transit service; passenger and operator security; and such facilities as passenger shelters, park-and-ride lots and bus bases.

**Regional Water Quality** - Provides policy oversight for wastewater treatment operations, including capital facility planning, siting and financing.

**Legislative Steering** - Formulates and advances the interests of the people of King County to Congress and the Washington State Legislature.

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